

FILIBUSTERS IN CONTROL.

A DEADLOCK OVER THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

TIME OF THE SENATE WASTED IN ROLL CALLS AND FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS TO SECURE A QUORUM—MR. VILAS STILL TALKING AGAINST THE BILL.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Nicaragua Canal bill was before the Senate for a considerable part of to-day's session. Mr. Vilas occupied the floor all the time in the delivery of his third day's speech against the bill. The speech was varied with roll calls to enforce the presence of a quorum, and as it was apparent that Mr. Vilas was talking against the "friends of the bill" made a rather feeble effort to "let it out," but eventually yielded to the inevitable and agreed to an adjournment.

Mr. Morgan (Dem., Ala.), in charge of the bill, accepted, with some slight modifications, the amendment offered yesterday by Mr. Teller (Rep., Cal.) providing that no bonds should be guaranteed until after a survey was made and a complete plan was accepted by the President, and that no liability should be assumed by the Government if the cost of the canal should appear to exceed \$150,000,000.

Mr. Vilas then resumed his argument against the bill.

In the course of an hour and a half there were three calls of the Senate. In order to compel Senators to hear the argument, but as soon and as often as a quorum was obtained it faded away again. Mr. Vilas, however, went on with his speech. In the course of it he was reminded by Mr. Morgan that the Nicaragua Canal project had been endorsed by several Democratic National conventions. This fact was brushed aside contemptuously by Mr. Vilas as "an idle expression introduced into a party platform," and he said that a similar endorsement had been put in Republican platforms. Most probably the agents of the company had been working on the Resolutions Committee of the conventions, but such declarations were utterly without binding force upon anybody.

"Then I am glad," Mr. Morgan remarked, "that I never was a member of a National Convention. But I still hope that I would come out of it an honest man."

Mr. Hoar (Rep., Mass.) put a question to Mr. Vilas as to whether Presidential nominations in political conventions were effected in a similar manner.

"Never to my knowledge," Mr. Vilas replied. "Candidates are sometimes nominated under extreme conditions, but in no convention that I ever attended as any candidate nominated whom I did not cordially support and favor." After a pause he added, "except one."

At 4:30 o'clock there was a fourth call of the Senate, and this time no quorum responded. A motion to adjourn was made, and voted down—yeas 12, nays 25. Then there was a showing of the call of the Senate—fifty-one Senators having answered.

The presiding officer laid before the Senate the House concurrent resolution for the counting of the Presidential vote on Wednesday next, and it was agreed to.

Subsequently Mr. Turpie (Dem., Ind.) took exception to the wording of the concurrent resolution, which is that the person "so declared" President by the Constitution, he said, read that he should be "declared" President, but Mr. Hoar (Rep., Mass.) said that that point had been made eight years ago, and that it had been overruled. Mr. Turpie did not press his objection.

Mr. Vilas then went on with his speech, in which he treated at considerable length and with much detail the provisions of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty as they affected the question of an isthmian canal, and discussed various other historical matters. After another half-hour a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Daniel (Dem., Va.) and was defeated—yeas 17, nays 24.

As the vote indicated the absence of a quorum several Senators who were present before the adjournment, and who had not voted, returned to the floor. The usual motion directing the sergeant-at-arms to request the attendance of absent Senators was made by Mr. Aldrich (Rep., N. H.), and agreed to; and it came to a standstill. All business of the Senate was suspended for a short wait. Mr. Aldrich said that it was evident that a quorum could not be got together, and then, at 5:20 o'clock, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD DEBTS.

A CABINET COMMISSION FAVORABLE BY MR. HARMON—SENATOR THURSTON'S VIEWS.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Attorney-General Harmon appeared before the House Committee on Pacific Railways to-day and expressed at some length his views with reference to the bill to settle the indebtedness of the roads to the Government. Speaking generally, he favored the proposition. He would give full authority for the Commissioners to act according to their best judgment, and would not bind them to the acceptance of a certain minimum sum, but beyond that sum they would not be likely to receive bids. On the other hand, the fixing of a maximum sum might handicap the members of the commission, and he suggested a commission of private citizens, as the personnel of such a commission or the considerations which had led to their selection could not be known in advance to Congress. Moreover, outsiders would demand for their services, while the members of the commission would discharge their duty without remuneration, and merely receive an addition to their daily routine. The country would be better satisfied with a Cabinet commission. Moreover, the Cabinet officers were a part of the Government, and had access through their subordinates to all matters in the possession of the Government.

The two resolutions offered last week by Mr. Aldrich (Rep., Neb.) looking to impeding or preventing the sale of the Union Pacific Railroad property under a judicial decree of foreclosure were discussed in the Senate at much length to-day by Mr. Thurston (Rep., Wash.). He expressed his opposition to Mr. Aldrich's contention that the right of the Attorney-General to appear for the Government in the foreclosure proceedings was absolutely secured to him. He also declared his belief that the people of the United States were not in a position to be ready to enter on Government ownership and operation of railroads. He showed that under the law and under various decisions of the Supreme Court the Union Pacific Railroad did not cover the Omaha railroad bridge and approaches, and only applied to the portion of the "Omaha" line which was situated in Nebraska. He strongly favored the acceptance of the offer of the syndicate to buy the Union Pacific Railroad for \$100,000,000, which would not the Government about \$25,000,000, or about 25 percent of the claims against the company. The morning hour expired before Mr. Thurston finished his speech, and the resolutions went over.

DISMISSAL FOR PERNICIOUS ACTIVITY.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Secretary Carlisle has just made an example of another Treasury employee for indulging in political activity of the "pernicious" sort. The dismissed official is William E. Ryan, a \$1,400 clerk in the office of the auditor for the Postoffice Department. Ryan has been known for some time to be an ardent free-silver advocate. He was the candidate of that branch of the Democratic party for Congress from the XXXIst New York (Rochester) District last fall. His defeat at the polls was followed by his removal from his office as an \$1,800 clerk in the Treasury Department. Several other clerks were removed at the same time because of alleged pernicious activity in politics. Subsequently, early in December, Ryan was reappointed a clerk in the Treasury Department at a reduced salary. It was officially said at the time that this action was taken entirely out of sympathy for Ryan and his family, and with the distinct understanding that Ryan should apply himself to his official duties and not meddle in politics. It was said at the Department to-day that he had been removed because he had violated the wishes of the Department in this matter by instituting a campaign against the election of Representative H. C. Brewster, of the Rochester district, on the ground that his election was illegal, because of the use of the Myers ballot machine in taking the vote. Mr. Ryan, it is said, was warned repeatedly to keep out of politics, and his action in filing notice of contest of Representative Brewster's result resulted in his dismissal.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The following naval orders were issued to-day: Commander F. M. Greene is ordered on the retired list on February 23, when he will reach the age limit of sixty-two years. Ensign R. H. Leitch is detailed for duty at the Naval Academy, Baltimore, Md., and Acting Junior

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WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

A WELL-KNOWN CLUBMAN OF THE CAPITAL COMMITS SUICIDE.

BURNED TO DEATH WHILE SAVING LIFE—

TREASORER RELEASED DEMANDED OF PERU

—REPORT ON ALASKA'S GOLD FIELDS

—THE NAVAL PERSONNEL

BILL ABANDONED.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Gliman M. Pague, a well-known clubman and patron of amateur athletic sports, sent a bullet through his brain with a revolver about 8 o'clock this morning at his home in K-st. He died half an hour later without regaining consciousness. Financial embarrassment, it is believed, was the cause of the deed. Mr. Pague was apparently in the best of spirits last night. He had not arisen at 8 o'clock this morning, though he had been called to breakfast. With him and his wife in the house lived a niece, a child of eight or ten years, and Mr. Pague's father and mother, both of whom were in an adjoining room and Mr. Pague was at breakfast when the shot was heard.

William T. Slason, twenty-five years of age, died at the Emergency Hospital to-day from burns received in an endeavor to save the life of his uncle, Charles B. Tilden, a lawyer. A kerosene lamp exploded in Mr. Tilden's room at 2 o'clock this morning and the lawyer's clothing was ignited. Young Slason rushed to his uncle's rescue, clutched the burning lamp, and in dragging the latter out of the apartment and extinguishing the flames, he was badly burned. He ran out into the street and was rolling over in the mud and slush in an attempt to extinguish the flames when a policeman came to his assistance. Mr. Tilden was seriously burned.

The State Department has sustained the United States charge of unfairness in his protest against the confinement of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 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